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SUBJECT: LOCAL REACTION TO MAY 28 JOINT STATEMENT ON
BERLIN

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1. JOINT STATEMENT ON BERLIN ISSUED BY FOUR FOREIGN
MINISTERS AT CONCLUSION OF MAY 28 QUADRIPARTITE BREAKFAST
(REFTEL) FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN BERLIN PRESS
MAY 29. HEADLINE IN INDEPENDENT TAGESSPIEGEL READ
"WESTERN POWERS AFFIRM FOUR-POWER STATUS OF BERLIN";
THAT IN BERLINER MORGENPOST (SPRINGER), "BERLIN REMAINS
A TEST FOR DETENTE." GENERAL CONSENSUS OF NEWS REPORTS
WAS THAT JOINT STATEMENT AMOUNTED TO CLEAR-CUT RESPONSE
TO RECENT SOVIET AND GDR POLEMICS ON BERLIN, ESPECIALLY
TO EASTERN ASSERTION THAT QA APPLIED ONLY TO WEST BERLIN.

2. JOINT STATEMENT WAS UNIFORMLY APPLAUDED BY BERLIN
POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND EDITORIAL COMMENTATORS. GOVERNING
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MAYOR SCHUETZ DECLARED THAT FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD

REAFFIRMED "WITH GRATIFYING CLARITY" THEIR COMMON POSITION ON BERLIN AND, CLEARLY ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES, ADDED THAT ALL THOSE WHO TWISTED MEANING OF FOUR-POWER STATUS OF BERLIN OR SOUGHT TO DENY IT ALTOGETHER WOULD TAKE DUE COGNIZANCE OF THIS REAFFIRMATION. IN GREETING OUTCOME OF PARIS MEETING OF MINISTERS THAT BERLIN SHOULD REAP FROM CSCE SAME BENEFITS AS OTHER PARTS OF EUROPE. CDU, HE NOTED, CONSTRUED THIS AS MEANING THAT FINAL CSCE DOCUMENTS WOULD NOT BE SIGNED AS LONG AS SOVIET UNION SOUGHT TO USE QA AS LEVER TO DISPUTE AND IMPAIR BERLIN'S ACQUIRED STATUS. AMONG EDITORIAL COMMENT, PRO-SPD SPANDAUER VOLKSBLATT OBSERVED THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD GIVEN SOVIET UNION AND GDR ANSWER "NOT LACKING IN CLARITY," "A FIRST AND IMPORTANT STOP SIGNAL" TO MOSCOW'S ATTEMPT TO GIVE QA RESTRICTIVE AND EVEN CONTRADICTIONARY INTERPRETATION. WESTERN POWERS, EDITORIAL CONTINUED, COULD NO LONGER TOLERATE SOVIET BLOC HARASSMENT AIMED ULTIMATELY AT UNILATERAL CHANGE IN STATUS OF BERLIN. GEORGE

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